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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In the Matter of) MM Docket No. 96-260
Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) RM-8965
Table of Allotments)
FM Broadcast Stations)
(Mankato, Minnesota))

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

On December 22, 1996, the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission") released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket proposing the allotment of Channel 231A to Mankato, Minnesota as that community's third FM broadcast service. These Comments are filed in support of that proposal.

Mankato is a growing and vibrant community of over 31,000 people. As shown in Attachment 1, Mankato boasts 22 healthcare facilities and has many local and regional high schools as well as several institutions of higher learning including Mankato State University, South Central Technical College, Bethany Lutheran College, Rasmussen College and Gustavus Adolphus College. Overall, the area has 27 educational institutions and over 40 houses of worship.

The area supports a Civic Center with 38,000 square feet of space for audiences of up to 5,000 people. The Civic Center therefore draws conventions, sporting events, trade shows, seminars and celebrations of all sorts all of which need many and various means to promote their events. The Mankato/North Mankato area is also a major regional retail center. The Mankato Chamber

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and Convention Bureau estimates that over 300,000 customers from southern Minnesota and northern Iowa are attracted to the specialty shops, malls, restaurants and nightclubs of these towns.

Mankato's commercial sector supports four employment agencies and two employment training services. There are at least 15 real estate agencies in Mankato itself to support the real estate needs of Mankato's businesses and their employees, and three more in North Mankato.

Many successful businesses were founded in Mankato including Honeymead, Hubbard Milling, Kato Engineering, Mankato Corporation and Taylor Corporation. More recent additions to the Mankato economy include American Linen, Clear With Computers, EI Microcircuits, Kaye Corporation, Kristico, Multi-Block, Inc., Phenix Biocomposites, Sween Corporation, V-Teck and from Japan and Thin Film Technology. Serving these companies and Mankato's residents is Mankato Municipal Airport which accommodates 727 and DC-9 jet aircraft. The area is also served by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and 12 commercial freight carriers. Twelve banking institutions are supported by the area.

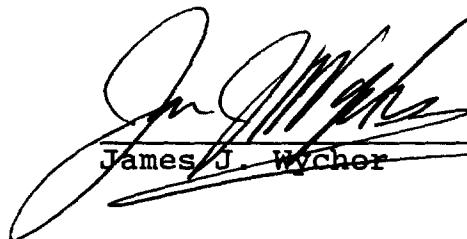
On the cultural side, Mankato is proud of its own 220 piece symphony orchestra and ballet company. Also contributing to the cultural richness of the area, Mankato State University's Theater Art Department holds regular theatrical productions and the other institutions of higher education utilize their large auditoriums for music recitals and cultural festivals.

Mankato is governed by a strong council/manager organization with a 1996 budget of over \$34,000,000.

Detail behind these statistics can be found in the Mankato area Chamber and Convention Bureau moving packet and, the Mankato area Chamber and Convention Bureau Membership Directory, many pages of which are attached to these Comments as Attachment 1.

The evidence is clear that Mankato is a strong and varied community whose full broadcasting needs cannot possibly be served by its limited current compliment of stations. Therefore, if the requested allotment is made I have a present intention to apply for the channel and, if authorized, to build the station promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

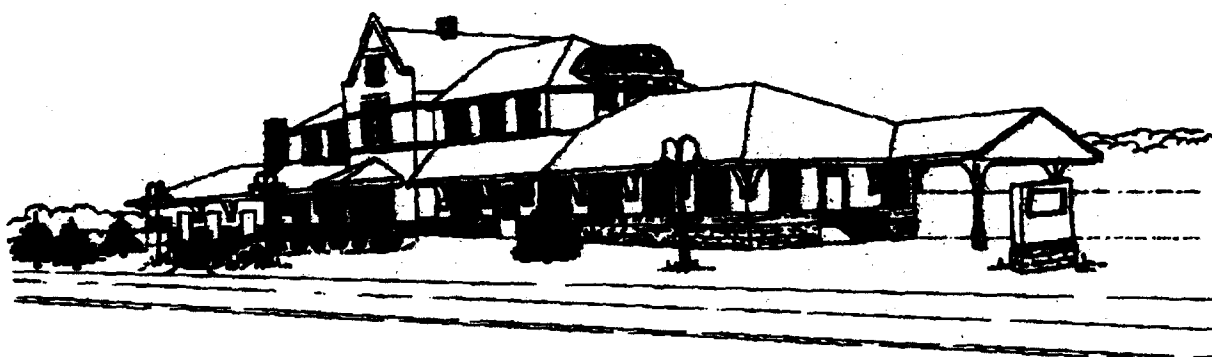


James J. Wycher

ATTACHMENT 1

Mankato Area Chamber & Convention Bureau Moving Packet

Welcome to Mankato!



*For more information contact the
Chamber and Convention Bureau
P.O. Box 999
Mankato, MN 56002*

*(507) 345-4519
(800) 657-4733*

For whatever medical attention is necessary, the Mankato area has many facilities to choose from.

Hospitals/Clinics

Immanuel-St. Joseph's
1025 Marsh Street
Mankato, MN 56001
625-4031

Diagnostic Center
304 Belle Avenue
Mankato, MN 56003
388-1655

Psychiatric Clinic of Mankato
410 Jackson Street
Mankato, MN 56001
387-3195

North Mankato Family Health Clinic
1575 Lookout Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003
625-5027

North Ridge Clinic
1695 Lor Ray Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003
387-8231

Wenger Physical Therapy
1681 Commerce Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003
625-8017

Phillip Clinic
103 North Broad
Mankato, MN 56001
345-5049

Mankato Clinic
1230 Main St
Mankato, MN 56001
625-1811

One to One Clinic
1008 South Front
Mankato, MN 56001
388-9950

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota
310 Belle Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
387-5581

Wellness Center of Minnesota
210 East Walnut
Mankato, MN 56001
345-7898

Addictions & Stress Clinic
423 South Broad
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4670

ASC Psychological Clinic
201 North Broad
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4679

Orthopedic & Fracture Clinic PA
309 Holly Lane
Mankato, MN 56001
388-6265

Mankato Chiropractic Center
83 Navaho Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4035

Family Podiatry Clinic
65 Teton Lane
Mankato, MN 56001
345-6960

Laboratory of Clinical Medicine
304 Belle Avenue
Mankato, MN 56002-3288
625-2646

Nursing Homes

Mankato Lutheran Home
718 Mound Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
387-2475

Thro Company
Highway 169 South
Mankato, MN 56001
625-8741

Mankato House Health Care Center
700 James Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4631

Oaklawn Health Care Center
1112 Mulberry Street
Mankato, MN 56001
388-2913

Hillcrest Health Care Center
Hwy 169 South Lehillier
387-3491

*The various media outlets
can help keep you in touch
with Mankato news.*

Print Publications

Mankato Free Press
(daily newspaper except Sunday)
418 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001
625-4451

Home Magazine
(bi-weekly shopper)
215 Maxfield
Mankato, MN 56001
387-7953

The Land
418 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4523

Radio/Television

KEYC-TV Station
1570 Lookout Drive
PO Box 128
North Mankato, MN 56003
625-7905

KEEZ-FM Station
Highway 169 South
PO Box 3345
Mankato, MN 56002
345-4646

KXLP-FM / KYSM-AM/FM
Members of Pro Radio Group
1807 Lee Blvd
PO Box 2268
North Mankato, MN 56003
388-2900

KTOE-KDOG Station
Highway 14 East
PO Box 1420
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4537/625-9197

KCAC / KNGA Station
Gustavus Adolphus
St. Peter, MN 56082
625-5422

Mankato State University

The Reporter
Mankato State University
Box 38
Mankato, MN 56002
389-1776

KMSU Radio Station
Mankato State University
Box 153
Mankato, MN 56002
389-5678

*If it's time to buy or sell, get
in touch with one of these
Mankato area realtors.*

Ace Realty
423 Belgrade Avenue
North Mankato, MN 56003
625-4985

Action Realty
1620 S. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
625-9375

Blue Ribbon Realty
107 South Front Street
Mankato, MN 56001
625-2580

**Better Homes & Gardens
George Smith Realtors, Inc.**
342 Belgrade Avenue
North Mankato, MN 56003
625-8080

Century 21-Atwood Realty
209 South Second, Suite 200
Mankato, MN 56001
387-3131

Coldwell Banker Realty
113 North Broad Street
Mankato, MN 56001
387-1131

Fisher & Lidstrom Commercial Realtors
209 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001
625-4715

Hiniker Realty
2104 North Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
625-4303

Lloyd Realty & Management
140 Homestead Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
625-5573

Jesco Realty
PO Box 2266
North Mankato, MN 56003
625-1010

Julian Realty
1803 East Main
Mankato, MN 56001
387-1234

Kvasnicka Realty
209 South Second
Mankato, MN 56002
387-3131

Layman-Todd Realty Inc.
1111 Madison Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
387-6661

Midwest Realty
505 Long Street
Mankato, MN 56001
345-1121

Minnesota Valley Realty
110 West Elm Street
Mankato, MN 56001
345-7958

Rolling Hills Realty
600 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001
387-4006

Schmaltz Realty
520 West Pleasant
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4266

South Central Realty
153 Chestnut
Mankato, MN 56001
345-1455

*When apartment searching,
check out what the Mankato
area has to offer.*

<i>Beltower Apartments, 442 Belgrade Avenue</i>	<i>625-4715</i>
<i>Blue Heron Apartments, 160 Homestead Road</i>	<i>625-5573</i>
<i>Colony Apartments, 1700 Lee Boulevard</i>	<i>625-5573</i>
<i>Colonial Square Apartments, 300 Ramsey</i>	<i>345-1321</i>
<i>Koppen Gardens, 615 Nicollet Avenue</i>	<i>388-3202</i>
<i>Pleasant Estate, 1600 Pleasant View</i>	<i>345-3879/388-9375</i>
<i>Pleasantview Apartments, 1732 Pleasant View Drive</i>	<i>625-5573</i>
<i>Devonshire Apartments, 200 Briargate Road</i>	<i>345-8543</i>
<i>Downtowner Apartments, 405 North 5th Street</i>	<i>388-7724</i>
<i>Durham Apartments, 621 South Second Street</i>	<i>345-1400</i>
<i>Eastport Apartments, 1001 Eastport</i>	<i>345-5141</i>
<i>Garfield Place, 543 Garfield Avenue</i>	<i>345-1725</i>
<i>Glenwood Terrace Apartments, 115 Parkway Avenue</i>	<i>387-1217</i>
<i>Highland Hills Apartments, 1400 Warren Street</i>	<i>388-9351</i>
<i>Hilltop Lane Apartments, 50 Hilltop Lane</i>	<i>388-9158</i>
<i>Hoover Estate Apartments, 1865 Northway Drive</i>	<i>386-1004</i>
<i>Huntington Hills Apartments, 100 Huntington Drive</i>	<i>387-3771</i>
<i>Meadow Views Apartments, 1261 Pohl Road</i>	<i>345-6951</i>
<i>Security Apartments, 307 South Broad</i>	<i>345-3036</i>
<i>Southridge Apartments, 200 Briargate Road</i>	<i>625-2787</i>
<i>Southwood Terrace Apartments, 520 James Avenue</i>	<i>387-4748</i>
<i>Sunrise Village Apartments, 1620 Village Court</i>	<i>387-8120</i>
<i>Valley View Apartments, 470 James Avenue</i>	<i>345-4009</i>
<i>Village Place, 104 Thomas Drive</i>	<i>625-6167</i>
<i>Woodbridge Apartments, 1647 Pleasant View</i>	<i>345-1290</i>
<i>Heather Lane, 108 Heather Lane</i>	<i>625-5573</i>
<i>Knollcrest Apartments, 120-122 Knollcrest Drive</i>	<i>387-2865</i>
<i>Commodore Apartments, Commodore and Deldona</i>	<i>387-3263</i>
<i>The Quads, 142 Bunting Lane</i>	<i>625-6961</i>
<i>Park Apartments, 123 North 4th Street</i>	<i>387-1131</i>
<i>Parkway Apartments, 101-103 Parkway</i>	<i>388-6324</i>
<i>State Street Apartments, 408 State Street</i>	<i>625-7454</i>
<i>Crown Apartments, 601 Pfau Street</i>	<i>345-6171</i>
<i>CampusView Apartments, 1340 Warren Street</i>	<i>387-5426</i>
<i>Cherry Ridge Apartments, 101 Glenwood Avenue</i>	<i>625-5573</i>
<i>Fairfield Townhouses, 1620 Pleasant View Drive</i>	<i>625-5573</i>

*Make the job search easier
by using one of these
Mankato area agencies.*

Employment Agencies

*Express Personnel Services
113 Monroe Avenue
North Mankato, MN 56003
387-5620*

*Manpower Temporary Services
1645 Mankato Place
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4201*

*Quality Temp
1600 Madison Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
387-4141*

*Minnesota Department of Jobs & Training
1650 Madison Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
389-6723*

*Pro Staff Personal Services
510 Long Street
Mankato, MN 56001
387-5530*

Employment Training Services

*Life Work Planning Center
410 Jackson Street
Mankato, MN 56001
345-1577*

*South Central Private Industry Council
410 Jackson Street
Mankato, MN 56001
345-7064*

*Professional childcare
opportunities are numerous
in the Mankato area.*

Preschools

**Bethel Baptist Church
Preschool Learning Center
1250 Monks Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4011**

**Creative Playtime Preschool
720 S. Second
Mankato, MN 56001
387-1548**

**Mankato Headstart
302½ Chestnut
Mankato, MN 56001
345-3565**

**Montessori School
816 Hubbell Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
388-6859**

**North Mankato Headstart
407 Belgrade Avenue,
North Mankato, MN 56003
345-3032**

**Peter Pan Preschool
4th and Main
Mankato, MN 56001
625-6701**



Childcare Facilities

**Children's House
Mankato State University
Mankato, MN 56001
388-5478**

**Partners in Care
413 N 4th
Mankato, MN 56001
345-8787**

**YWCA
603 S. Second
Mankato, MN 56001
345-4629**

**TechniKids
South Central Technical College
1920 Lee Blvd.
N. Mankato, MN 56002
389-7200**

**New Day Child Care Center
309 Bermuda Dr
Mankato, MN 56001
388-6774**

**Golden Heart Child Care
1825 Commerce Dr
N. Mankato, MN 56003
625-1454**

**Trinity Christian Day Center
Sherman and Webster Avenue
N. Mankato, MN 56003
388-7761**

**Hugs-N-Kids, Inc.
1221 Caledonia St.
Mankato, MN 56001
388-5478**

**Jesus Loves Me
Child Care Center
304 Monroe Ave.
N. Mankato, MN 56003
345-7707**

*The Mankato area has
educational opportunities
available for everyone.*

Post-Secondary

<i>Mankato State University, Mankato, MN</i>	<i>389-2463</i>
<i>Bethany Lutheran College, 734 Marsh</i>	<i>386-5300</i>
<i>South Central Technical College, 1920 Lee Blvd</i>	<i>389-7200</i>
<i>Cosmetology Training Center, 111 East Hickory</i>	<i>345-4033</i>
<i>Rasmussen College, 501 Holly Lane</i>	<i>625-6556</i>

Special

<i>Alternative High School, Lincoln Community Center</i>	<i>387-3047</i>
<i>Community Services/Recreation Dept., Lincoln Community Center</i>	<i>387-5501</i>

Senior/Junior

<i>East High School, Hoffman Road</i>	<i>387-5671</i>
<i>West High School, South Riverfront Drive</i>	<i>387-3461</i>
<i>Immanuel, 421 North Second</i>	<i>345-3027</i>
<i>Loyola, Good Counsel Drive</i>	<i>388-2997</i>

Special

<i>Fitzgerald, 110 North 5th.</i>	<i>388-9344</i>
<i>Dakota Meadows, 1900 Howard Dr.</i>	<i>387-5077</i>

Elementary

<i>Franklin, North Second & Lafayette</i>	<i>345-4287</i>
<i>Hoover, 1524 Hoover Dr.</i>	<i>388-5202</i>
<i>Jefferson, 100 James</i>	<i>388-5480</i>
<i>Kennedy, 2600 East Main</i>	<i>387-2122</i>
<i>Monroe, 441 Monroe Avenue</i>	<i>387-7889</i>
<i>Roosevelt, 600 Owatonna</i>	<i>345-4285</i>
<i>Washington, 1100 Anderson</i>	<i>345-3059</i>
<i>Grace Christian, 600 Lind</i>	<i>388-9355</i>
<i>Holy Rosary, 546 Grant Ave</i>	<i>345-6765</i>
<i>Immanuel, 421 North Second</i>	<i>345-3027</i>
<i>Mount Olive, 1123 Marsh</i>	<i>345-7927</i>
<i>St. Joseph-St. John's, Blue Earth & Hubbell</i>	<i>388-2536</i>
<i>St. Mark Lutheran, Sibley & West 7th</i>	<i>388-6624</i>
<i>St. Peter & Paul's, 110 North 6th</i>	<i>387-3316</i>

For whatever the preference, the Mankato area has numerous places of worship to choose from.

Baptist

<i>Bethel Baptist, 1250 Monks Ave</i>	<i>345-4011</i>
<i>First Baptist, Second & Cherry</i>	<i>387-5651</i>
<i>Grace Baptist, 6th and Lind</i>	<i>388-9355</i>
<i>Hope Baptist, 150 Jaycee Court</i>	<i>387-3222</i>

Catholic

<i>Holy Rosary, Grant & Sherman</i>	<i>387-6501</i>
<i>St. John's, 632 South Broad</i>	<i>625-3131</i>
<i>St. Joseph's the Worker, 816 Hubbell</i>	<i>388-3766</i>
<i>St. Peter & Paul's, 5th and Mulberry</i>	<i>388-2995</i>

Lutheran

<i>Bethlehem, 720 South Broad</i>	<i>388-2925</i>
<i>Campus Lutheran, Birchwood & Ellis</i>	<i>387-6587</i>
<i>Christ Our Redeemer, City Rd 33 & 7th</i>	<i>345-4867</i>
<i>Christ the King, 207 McConnell</i>	<i>345-5056</i>
<i>Good Sheppard, 937 Charles Ave</i>	<i>388-4336</i>
<i>Grace, 4th & Main</i>	<i>345-4248</i>
<i>Hosanna, 105 Hossana Ave</i>	<i>388-1766</i>
<i>Immanuel, Second & Spring</i>	<i>345-3027</i>
<i>Messiah, 1706 Lee Blvd</i>	<i>387-5537</i>
<i>Mount Olive, 1123 Marsh</i>	<i>345-4966</i>
<i>Our Savior's, 1103 North Broad</i>	<i>345-5112</i>
<i>St. Mark's, Sibley & West 7th</i>	<i>388-2013</i>
<i>St. Paul's, Monroe & Range</i>	<i>345-4939</i>
<i>Word of Life, 105 Homestead</i>	<i>387-3857</i>

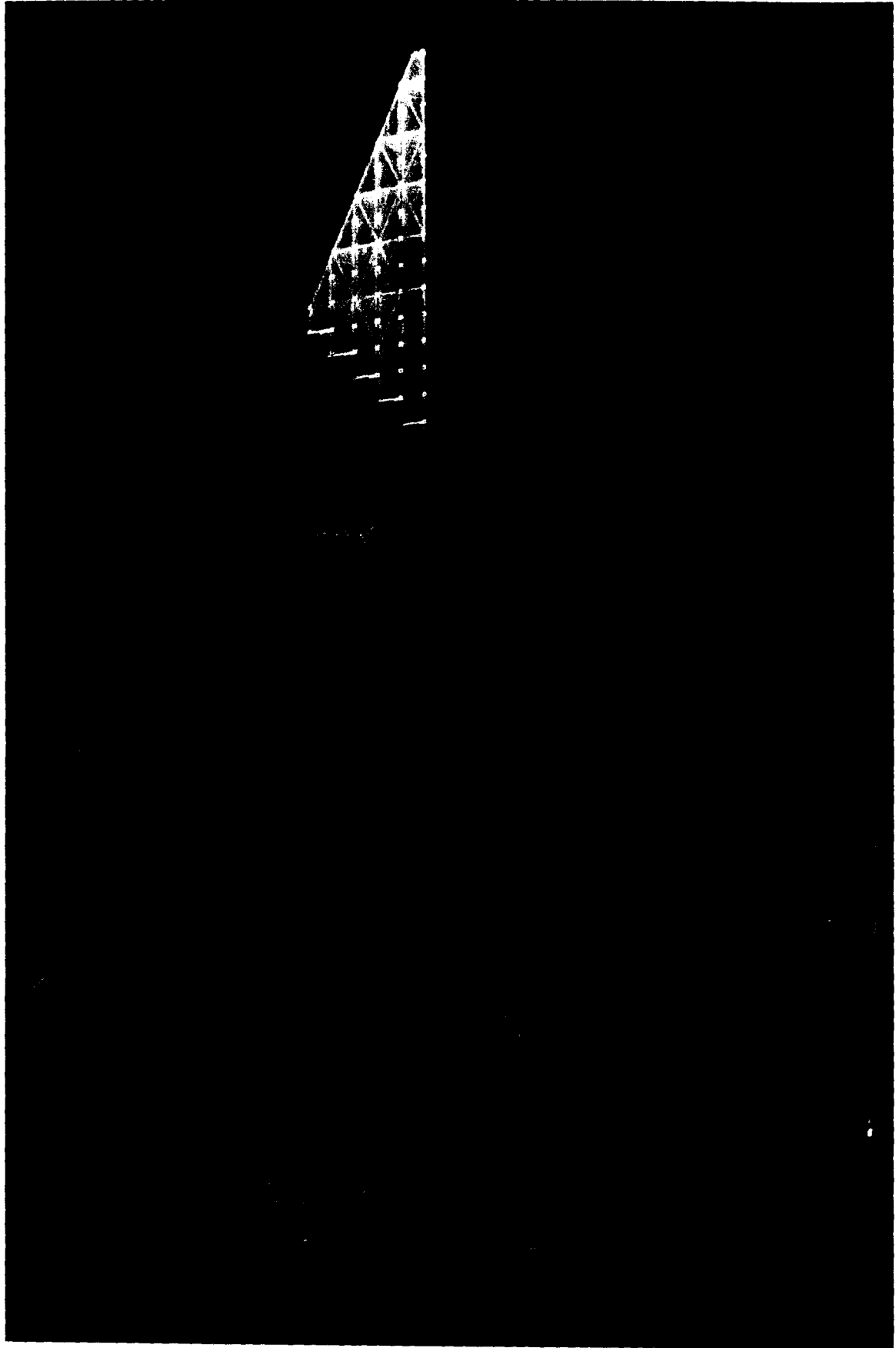
Methodist

<i>Belgrade, 601 Belgrade Ave</i>	<i>625-3759</i>
<i>Centenary, Second & Cherry</i>	<i>387-4074</i>
<i>Hilltop, 108 South Manitou Dr</i>	<i>387-3877</i>
<i>United Methodist, 1529 Nottingham</i>	<i>625-5330</i>

Others

<i>Church of Christ, 1210 Warren</i>	<i>387-2521</i>
<i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1851 Marie Ln</i>	<i>625-8342</i>
<i>Church of Nazarene, 309 Bermuda Dr</i>	<i>388-6774</i>
<i>Community Christian Church, Summit Center, 5th & Warren</i>	<i>625-6342</i>
<i>Evangelical Covenant, 354 Carol Ct</i>	<i>387-5606</i>
<i>First Christian Church, 1735 E. Main</i>	<i>387-2197</i>
<i>First Church of Christ Scientists, 523 South St</i>	<i>387-4333</i>
<i>First Congregational, Second & Cherry</i>	<i>387-6592</i>
<i>Jehovah's Witness, 420 Marie Lane</i>	<i>388-5757</i>
<i>Multi Church Center, Second & Cherry</i>	<i>387-4073</i>
<i>St. John's Episcopal, Broad & Warren</i>	<i>388-1969</i>
<i>Trinity, Sherman & Webster</i>	<i>388-7761</i>
<i>United Pentecostal, 119 State</i>	<i>388-1331</i>
<i>First Presbyterian, 220 E. Hickory</i>	<i>387-2160</i>
<i>The Salvation Army, 1015 Front</i>	<i>345-7840</i>
<i>Seventh Day Adventist, 210 Pohl Rd</i>	<i>625-8625</i>
<i>Unitarian Universalists, 114 Pohl Rd.</i>	<i>388-5022</i>
<i>Joint Ministry, 331 Dillon</i>	<i>625-6779</i>

Strength in Knowledge... Committed to Excellence



Mankato State
University
Bostrander Student
Bell Tower and
architectural, contemporary
fixtures on the
campus of this over
125-year old
institution.

David Clobes, Lasting Memories Photography

*E*ducation is a top priority in Mankato
• North Mankato. Whether it is young students starting kindergarten or non-traditional students returning to school to continue their education, they find a high-quality and progressive environment in which to learn.

Minnesota's **Open Enrollment** program at the primary and secondary level allows students to attend the school of their **choice** regardless of location inside or outside of their geographical district.

Local students **ACT scores** consistently average higher than the state's and the nation's average test scores.

Students and their families also have the option to combine **religious enrichment** with their education by attending one of a dozen private schools.

Many local and regional high school graduates choose to continue their education within the community and find excellent options.



Area schools boast record scholastic excellence consistently high above national standards.



Students of all ages pursue lifelong learning.

• **Mankato State University** is the largest post secondary institution in southern Minnesota. MSU confers more than half of the graduate degrees earned throughout the entire Minnesota State University System.

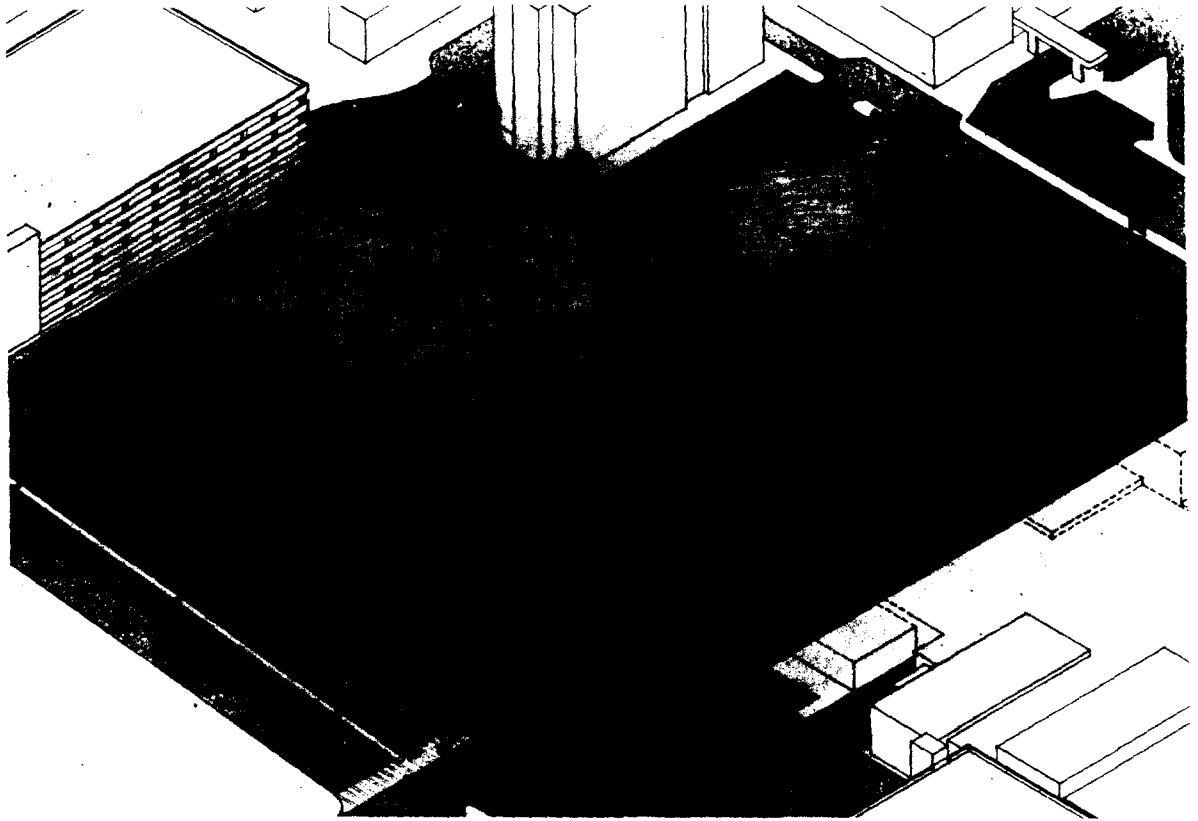
• **South Central Technical College** offers 27 educational programs including a continuing education and customized training division.

• **Bethany Lutheran College** is a two-year liberal arts school with an emphasis on personal small class size and close contact with academic advisers.

• **Rasmussen College** offers students comprehensive training through two-year programs for a wide variety of business careers.

• **Gustavus Adolphus College**, a private Lutheran college, is located just 12 miles away in the city of St. Peter.

Entertainment Galore... a Regional Hub



The beautiful Mankato Civic Center and Arena offers 38,000 square feet of space for audiences of up to 5,000 people.

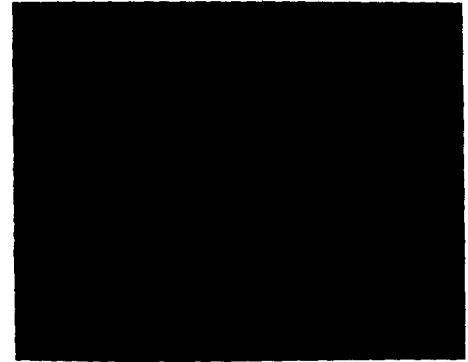
Mew in 1995, the Mankato Civic Center and Arena hosts conventions, sporting events, trade

shows, seminars and celebrations of all sorts.

The Center is located in the heart of downtown, close to accommodations, charming plazas, restaurants and shops.

*The annual **Celebration of Lights** attracts people from throughout the Midwest during November and December. Hundreds of thousands of lights line area businesses and entire neighborhoods glow with this marvelous holiday exhibit.*

*Those who prefer shopping will appreciate Mankato • North Mankato as a major **regional retail center**. Over 300,000 customers from southern Minnesota and northern Iowa are attracted to the quaint specialty shops, expansive malls, and delectable restaurants and night clubs.*



Gregg Andersen, Gallery 19



Gregg Andersen, Gallery 19

Lights of the season brighten up area businesses and neighborhoods during November and December.

Hundreds of thousands of square feet of retail stores and restaurants have been added to the community in recent years.



Quaint specialty shops are the delight of shoppers in Old Town, in historic downtown Mankato.

A Touch of Class... Enriching Our Lives



MSU's Ted Paul Theatre has 7 years been one of the top 500 ticket-holders in the nation.

Whether your taste runs to chorale or symphony music, theatrical productions, festivals or museums you will find plenty of opportunities in Mankato • North Mankato.

*The **Mankato Symphony Orchestra** entertains audiences each season with a delightful array of musical selections. The 220-piece orchestra showcases world renowned guest artists including national and international musicians.*

Mankato State University's Theatre Arts Department is a perennial success dedicated to providing the highest quality of theatrical production through excellent directors, superb actors and beautifully designed sets.

Ylvislaker Auditorium on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College provides a beautiful venue for piano, instrumental and vocal recitals.

The **Mankato Ballet** caters to all ages throughout the year and its performers delight holiday audiences with the *Nutcracker Suite*.

The **Andreas Observatory** at Mankato State University offers the largest telescope in the state and is accessible to school children and the general public. The **Mankato Public School Planetarium** is one of only three such facilities in Minnesota high schools. Over 11,000 students visit the planetarium each year for a dazzling show of the universe.

Cultural diversity is experienced through the **Mdewakanton, Mah-Kato Traditional Powwow** held each fall and through the annual **International Festival**.



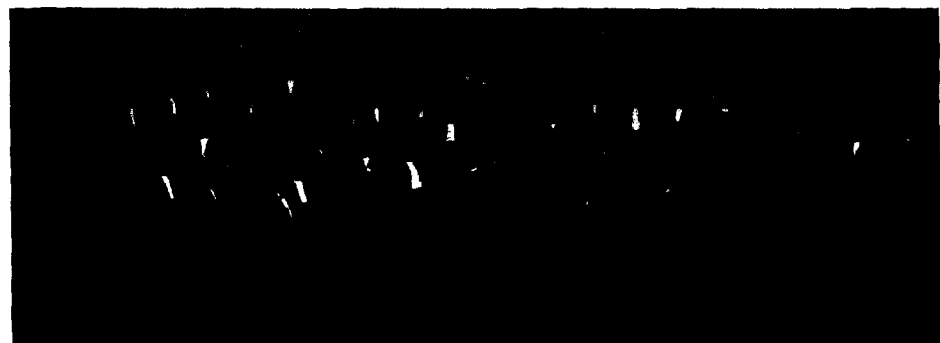
The Mankato Ballet performs a variety of short and full productions.



Gregg Andersen, Gallery 19

The International Festival celebrates cultural diversity and promotes global awareness throughout the community.

The Mankato Symphony Orchestra, the only full orchestra in south central Minnesota for over 40 years.



Sandy Stokka, Aircraft Photography

Prosperity & Success... It's the People

Gregg Andersen, Gallery 19



Joe Miller Photography

The community is well balanced as a commercial, industrial and agricultural base and is only slightly affected by swings in the nation's economy

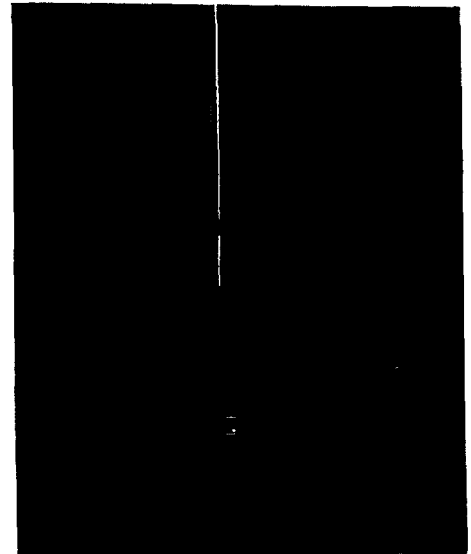
*C*ommitment to quality is evident in all types of area business. From retail stores to manufacturing plants, local employees maintain a high work ethic and are dedicated to "a job well done."

Originally an agricultural hub, the area now maintains a **strong, diverse economy** with many area businesses competing in the global marketplace. The community's greatest asset is its people, building its reputation on their work ethic and productivity.

Throughout our history, many successful businesses were founded in Mankato • North Mankato and continue their operations today. Included are Honeymead, Hubbard Milling, Johnson Worldwide Associates (formerly Johnson Fishing), Kato Engineering, Mankato Corporation and Taylor Corporation.

The entrepreneurial spirit exhibited by these businesses exists still today. Each year, our community is privileged to usher in new ventures. More recent additions to our economy are American Linen, Clear With Computers, E.I. Microcircuits, Kave Corporation, Kristico, Multi-Bloc, Inc., Phenix Biocomposites, Sween Corporation V-Tek and from Japan, Thin Film Technology.

This community is an ideal place for people to follow their career paths. Plenty of opportunities are offered in health care, education, high technology, manufacturing, printing, retail and service related industries.



Since 1946, MICO Incorporated has designed and manufactured hydraulic components and has become a worldwide supplier to customers who demand the highest quality.

Sween Corporation is a home-grown business that started as a basement operation. Today, the company employs over 150 people.





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Mankato/North Mankato

QUICK REFERENCE FACTS

The population within a 60 mile radius of Mankato/North Mankato is 417,730, which includes 16 counties in Minnesota.

The extended population of our market area, which

includes the northern tier of Iowa, adds an additional 215,000. The total population of our extended market area is 633,587 and includes 21 counties.

RETAIL SALES	\$552,394,671 (Mankato/North Mankato, 1992)		
CHURCHES	52		
SCHOOLS	Mankato State University South Central Technical College Rasmussen College Bethany Lutheran College K-12 Public and Parochial: Enrollment 8,389		
NEWSPAPERS	1 daily: Mankato Free Press, 1 weekly shopper: Home Magazine		
RADIO STATIONS	KTOE-AM, KYSM-AM-FM, KEEZ-FM, KDOG-FM, KXLP-FM, KMSU-FM		
TELEVISION STATIONS	KEYC-TV (CBS Affiliate), CCTV (Public Access)		
LODGING	8 motels - 609 units		
THEATERS	16 movie theaters		
AUDITORIUMS	Mankato East High School Mankato West High School Mankato State University (Student Union and Performing Arts Center) The Kato Entertainment Center South Central Technical College Mankato Civic Center		

HEALTH CARE SERVICES	1 hospital with 272 beds, 12 clinics		
REHABILITATION AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS			
Location	Mankato	North Mankato	
County	Blue Earth	Nicollet	
Region	9	9	
Distance:			
Minneapolis-St. Paul	75 miles SW	75 miles SW	
Senate District	24	24	
House District	24A	24B	
POPULATION	1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census
Mankato	30,895	28,637	31,377
Blue Earth County	52,322	52,314	54,044
North Mankato	7,347	9,145	10,700
Nicollet County	24,518	26,920	28,200

Source of Estimate: Bureau of the Census

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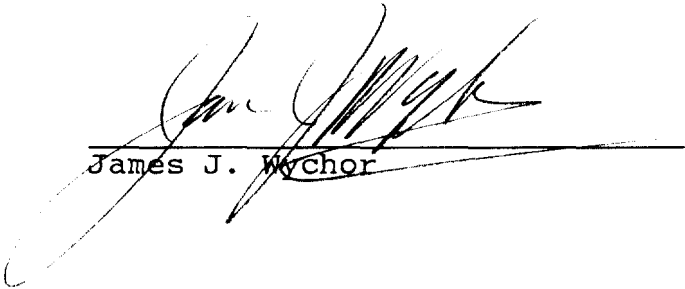


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James J. Wychor, do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing "Comments in Support of Proposed Rulemaking" was sent this 18th day of February, 1997 by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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